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LS poll campaign gaining momentum in Mysuru

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who has hit the campaign trail in his home district Mysuru since yesterday, called on Sringeri Jagadguru Sri Vidhushekara Bharati Sannidhanam at Abhinava Shankaralaya on Shankar Mutt Road in city this morning. Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Congress candidate M. Lakshmana, MLA K. Harishgowda, former MLAs Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and M.K. Somashekar, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and others accompanied the CM. Picture right shows Mysuru-Kodagu BJP candidate Yaduveer Wadiyar seeking support of the electorate at Maramma Temple premises in Hinkal today.

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (BLU, RK & BCT)- Political campaigns have reached a high pitch for the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections even as the scorching summer heat has intensified.

Mysuru is experiencing temperatures between 35 and 37 degrees Celsius and despite the rising temperatures, politicians and their supporters are hitting the streets with renewed vigour, engaging in rallies, door-to-door canvassing and public meetings to sway voters in their favour.

Focusing on the Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency as a pivotal battleground, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is throwing his weight behind Congress candidate M. Lakshmana. Arriving in Mysuru yesterday for a three-day stay, the CM commenced his visit with a tour of religious sites. Yesterday evening, he held discussions with the Apostolic Administrator of Mysore Diocese, Bishop Dr. Bernard Moras, seeking his endorsement.

This morning, accompanied by Lakshmana and a multitude of supporters, the CM visited the Shankara Mutt. His day commenced early with meetings with various party leaders and former MLAs at his Ramakrishnanagar residence.

At the Shankara Mutt in K.R. Mohalla near Gun House, the CM received a warm reception with a Poorna Kumbha Swagatha.

Later, Siddaramaiah visited Sri Sharada Temple and took the blessings of Sri Vidushekhara Bharati Swamiji, the 37th pontiff of Shri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Mahasamsthanam, Dakshinamnaya Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri, who is currently on a week-long visit to Mysuru to attend the centenary celebrations of Abhinava Shankaralaya.

The CM later addressed a Congress workers meeting at Abhishek Cicle in Hebbal.

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To Our Readers

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Jeweller's home-cum-shop burgled at Sathagalli in city

2 kg gold ornaments, 25 kg silver missing; family away in Tumakuru to attend temple fest

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (SBD&KS)- A jeweller residing in Sathagalli B Zone fell victim to a burglary, with dacoits making away with a significant amount of gold ornaments and silver articles from the premises.

Though the Police are tight-lipped about the precise quantity of the stolen items until the completion of the investigation, the jeweller's complaint says that 2 kgs of gold ornaments and 25 kgs of silver articles have been stolen.

The targeted residence belongs to V. Nagaraju, situated opposite VTU in the Sathagalli 'B' Zone.

Nagaraju promptly filed a complaint at Mysuru South Police Station on Sunday, given that his home also houses the jewellery shop.

As per reports, Nagaraju informed the Police that the culprits arrived on two motorcycles and ransacked the house, making off with over 2 kg of gold ornaments and approximately 25 kg of silver articles. Additionally, the burglars removed the DVR of the CCTV system to conceal their identities.

Sources reveal that Nagaraju told the Police about a recent altercation with a woman who was his tenant, raising suspicions about her involvement. While authorities have yet to confirm these claims, further details will only emerge following a thorough investigation.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 2nd April 2024

Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Vidu. S.P. Soundarya

Mysuru, Apr. 2- The Bharatanatyam Rangapravesha of Vidu. S.P. Soundarya, disciple of Guru Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, will be held at Jaganmohan Palace auditorium in city on Apr. 7 at 5.30 pm under the aegis of Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC), Mysuru.

Kannada and Culture Department Director Dr. Dharanidevi Malagathi will inaugurate the event. Paediatrician Dr. U.G. Shenoy and Nrityagiri Academy Director Dr. Kripa Phadke will be the chief guests. Kaynes Technology Chairman and VPAC&C President Savitha Ramesh will preside.

Daughter of S.P. Mamatha and Sunilduth Panapil, Vidu. Soundarya will be accompanied by Dr. Vasundhara on natuvanga, Vidu. Deepti Srinath on vocal, Vid. M. Janardhan Rao on mridanga, Vid. Nitish Ammannaya on flute and Vid. Vinay Rangadol on rhythm pad.

Profile: Soundarya's journey in Bharatanatyam commenced at the tender age of 4 under Dr. Vasundhara, who is also her parental aunt. She has completed her Junior, Senior and Vidwat exams conducted by Karnataka Secondary Education

Vidu. S.P. Soundarya

Examination Board (KSEEB) with distinction. She has secured 6th rank in BE in Electronics and Instrumentation from JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru. Currently she works as an Engineer at Hewlett Packard Enterprise.

She has also represented Mysuru in State-level Chess and is trained in Karnatak Music. She has performed at Chiguru Sanje, Pallavothsava, Natarajothsava, Vasundharothsava, Mysuru Dasara, Beluru Mahotsava, Basadi Rathothsava Moodbidri, at Kathmandu in Nepal and more.

Soundarya is part of her Guru's dance troupe which will be performing at Ayodhya for Ramothsava.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The South, known for its linguistic and cultural diversity, with strong regional identities, might be hindering BJP's expansion plans below the Vindhyas. But, thanks to Artificial Intelligence (AI), Prime Minister Narendra Modi appears to be crossing at least the language barrier to an extent in these States.

BJP, which is known for using technology ahead of its peers, is now using a homegrown AI-enabled translation tool 'Bhashini' to translate Modi's speeches in real-time.

Be it Jagitial or Nagaarkurnool in Telangana or Chilakaalurpet in Andhra Pradesh, Modi's trademark pauses and catchphrases are now being heard in the same tone and tenor in the local language. Apart from Telugu, Modi's power-packed Hindi speeches are now being translated into seven other languages — Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, Odia, Bengali, Marathi and Punjabi. Significantly, in States other than Karnataka and Maharashtra, BJP has been struggling to make inroads.

"Technology has brought us closer together. Follow @NaMoInTelugu on X to hear my speech in Telugu. Also, let me know your views on improving the language in it," said Modi in Telangana's Jagitial recently.

Modi's popularity in the Southern States may take time to match that in the Hindi heartland but it is gathering pace, thanks to AI.

— S. N. V. Sudhir in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

The world's smallest national border

Cairo: Peñón de Vélez de la Gomera, a small rock in northern Africa conquered by Spain in 1564, holds the title for the world's smallest national border, measuring just 85 metres in length.

Spain has almost 2000 kilometres of land borders with Portugal and France, but it also has much smaller borders with countries like Andorra, the United Kingdom (Gibraltar), and Morocco. It is with the latter, the African nation of Morocco, that Spain shares the smallest land border in the world, an 85-metre-long stretch of land linking a rock about 19,000 square metres in size to the Moroccan coast. Peñón de Vélez de la Gomera has been Spanish territory since 1564 when it was conquered by Admiral Pedro de Estopiñán, and although Morocco has repeatedly laid claim to it, Spain has never agreed to return the land and actually has troops stationed there to enforce Spanish rule.

The world's most valuable chocolate

Loja: Made with rare Nacional cacao harvested from just 14 farms in Ecuador's Piedra de Plata valley, To'ak chocolate is undoubtedly the world's most valuable chocolate.

From truffle-infused ice cream to gold-plated sandwiches, the world is full of expensive sweets and treats. Ecuadorian chocolate brand To'ak claims that its products are among these few, although judging whether the price of its most expensive offerings is actually justified is ultimately up to the consumer. To'ak is most often referred to as 'the most expensive chocolate in the world', which is technically true, as its small chocolate bars can sell for up to $490 per 50-gram bar, but the company believes that simply referring to its product simply as expensive doesn't really tell the whole story of To'ak.

HEALTH CAPSULE

UTIs in certain populations, such as pregnant women or individuals with underlying health conditions, may require special attention and management to prevent complications and ensure the health of both the individual and the fetus.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Awards ceremony on Apr. 7

Dr. Siddarama Vani Premkumar Sujatha Chandrashekar Chinmayi Annapurne

Mysuru, Apr. 2- Marking the 63rd birthday of M.B. Santosh, the Founder-President of Mysuru Sahitya Mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana, the Pratishtana, in association with Hemaganga Sahitya Mattu Samskrutika Pratishtana, will be conferring different awards to achievers at a programme to take place at Rotary School premises, JLB Road here on Apr. 7 at 10 am.

Those who will receive the awards are — Dr. Siddarama Honkal (Karnataka Sahitya Ratna Award), C. Vani Raghavendra (Bahubasha Sahitya Chetana Award), Dr. K. Premkumar (Shikshana Ratna Award), Sujatha Ravish (Sahityashri Award) and children — R. Chandrashekar, A. Chinmayi Nayak and P. Annapurne (Balashri Awards).

Also, M.B. Santosh's work 'Noopura', writer B. Shobha's work 'Bhaavarangada Payana' - a collection of poems and C. Vani Raghavendra's work 'Dr. Shwetha' - the English translation of M.B. Santosh's Kannada work 'Dr. Shwetha' will be released on the occasion.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Encroachment at Lingambudhi Lake?

Sir,

There seems to be a lot of attempts going on, in and around the city, to grab lands belonging to the public. *Star of Mysore* dated Mar. 26 had mentioned about a Housing Society allegedly encroaching upon a park space for sites. Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) needs to be appreciated for the prompt action taken.

A similar thing seems to be happening near Kautilya School, Dattagalli. The owner of the farmland seems to be extending his fence into Lingambudhi Lake, a Reserve Forest. The accompanying photos seem to suggest this.

The authorities concerned should look into this issue immediately. The value is clearly in high figures, considering the length of the fence. I think a clarification to the public is needed regarding this.

— P.L. Jothindra

Ramakrishnanagar 'I' Block
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Obituary

Heather Dorthy Perreira

Mysuru, Apr. 2- Heather Dorthy Perreira (68), wife of Raejean Willaim Perreira and a resident of Gokulam, passed away following a brief illness in city this morning.

She is survived by her husband, two sons, daughters-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral took place at Belawadi Cemetery this afternoon.

Philomena Monsurate

Philomena Monsurate (Baby Coates), a resident of Udayagiri, passed away this morning in city. She was 91.

She leaves behind two sons, daughters-in-law, one daughter, son-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral will be held tomorrow (Apr. 3) at 11 am at the Catholic Cemetery on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar, according to family sources.

Bandipur safari bus driver killed in road accident

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (MTY&KS)- Bandipur safari bus driver was killed when a speeding bike rammed into him near the Forest Department quarters at Melukamanahalli in Bandipur yesterday night.

The deceased has been identified as M.K. Anand (37), son of Mahadevappa and a resident of Kelsipura village in Gundlupet taluk. He was allotted the quarters just a month back.

Yesterday at about 8.25 pm, Anand came out of the quarters gate on his TVS Radeon bike (KA-10-ED 1629) to fetch drinking water from a nearby RO plant when he saw a bike speeding towards his side. Anand then stopped the bike to allow the speeding Bajaj Pulsar bike (KA-10-EA-9665) to pass. But the bike rammed into Anand killing him on the spot.

It is learnt that the Pulsar bike was ridden by 32-year-old Naveen with 40-year-old Kumar on pillion. Both the rider and the pillion have sustained injuries and have been admitted to Gundlupet Taluk Hospital. Gundlupet Police have registered a case.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Power tariff reduced by Re.1.10 per unit

Coinciding with the upcoming LS polls, the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) has announced a significant reduction on electricity tariff for all categories of consumers across the State. Effective from Monday, Apr. 1, the Unit rate of Electricity has been reduced by Re. 1.10. This reduction is particularly beneficial for domestic consumers who use more than 100 units per month, with the tariff now set at Rs. 5.90 per unit, down by Rs. 1.10 from the previous Rs. 7 per unit. Notably, this marks the first decrease in power tariffs in Karnataka in 15 years.

Essay and Quiz by SVEEP

In order to create awareness on voting among the public in view of the forthcoming Lok Sabha elections, District SVEEP Committee has organised Essay and Quiz Competitions through All India Radio (AIR). Public may take part in the competitions in large numbers, said a press release from Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayathri, who is also the District SVEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) Committee Chairperson.

Scholarship for SC students

The Social Welfare Department has invited applications from students belonging to SC community to avail post-matric student scholarships provided by the Department for the year 2023-24. The annual income of the family of the students must not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakh. Eligible candidates may submit applications by logging on to https://ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in/ Students must visit their respective banks and link their Aadhaar numbers to their bank accounts in National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI). For details, contact the Assistant Director of the Department or call Ph: 0821-2520910 before Apr. 15, according to press release.

Nypunya's 2nd Annual Day

Educationist and columnist Dr. Gururaj Karajagi will be taking part in the 2nd Annual Day celebrations of Nypunya School of Excellence to be held at Kalamandira in city on Apr. 5 at 4.30 pm. He is also the school's Academic Advisor. Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Special Commissioner (Finance) Shivanand H. Kalakeri will be the chief guest.

Balle Camp's lone elephant Kumaraswamy found dead

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (MTY&BCT)- An elephant from Balle Camp in D.B. Kuppe Range (Kakanakote) of Nagarahole Tiger Reserve was found dead in the forest on Monday, Apr. 1. Named Kumaraswamy, the elephant had been a resident of the camp since 2001 and was approximately 46 years old.

Kumaraswamy had resided in the Kakanakote Range on the Manandavadi Road for the past 23 years. Following the demise of Dasara elephant Arjuna, who was gored to death on Dec. 6, 2023, by a wild tusker during an elephant capture operation in Yeslur, Hassan District, Kumaraswamy remained the sole elephant at the Balle Camp. With Kumaraswamy's passing, the Balle Camp is now devoid of any elephants.

Arjuna and Kumaraswamy were the only residents of D.B. Kuppe. A few years back, Dasara Kumki elephant Durgaparameshwari was brought to Balle from K. Gudi Elephant Camp and she was made Arjuna's companion. But Durgaparameshwari died due to an intestinal infection last year.

Kumaraswamy had been missing from the camp for several days, which was unusual as elephants are usually permitted to roam and graze freely in the forests. Concerns escalated when Kumaraswamy failed to return. Even the bell tied on its neck region to easily locate him had snapped as Kumaraswamy used to rub his neck to the tree trunks.

During a combing operation initiated to locate Kumaraswamy, forest guards stumbled upon the elephant's carcass deep inside the jungle near the Anekal Dibba. Senior officials from Nagarahole swiftly arrived at the scene upon learning of the elephant's demise and Dr. B.B. Prasanna, a veterinarian from H.D. Kote conducted the post-mortem.

According to authorities, the post-mortem report revealed that the elephant had been suffering from intestinal colic. Kumaraswamy had poor vision due to his old age. His mahout had died last month.

Following the determination of the cause of death and the completion of necessary procedures, the carcass was left in the wild, adhering to Forest Department regulations, to provide sustenance for other carnivores. However, the tusks were removed.

Nagarahole Tiger Reserve Director Harshakumar Chikkanaragunda, Assistant Conservator of Forests K.N. Rangaswamy, D.B. Kuppe Range Forest Officer S.D. Madhu and other officers visited the spot.

Cricket gambling: 3 held, Rs. 30,500 cash, four mobile phones, TV set seized

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (KS)- In separate cases, City Crime Branch (CCB) Police, who raided two houses have arrested three persons on charges of gambling and have seized a total of Rs. 30,500 stake money, four mobile phones and a TV set.

In the first case, the CCB Police, who raided a house behind the Government Higher Primary School on Rama Mandira Road in Yaraganahalli in Alanahalli Police limits on Mar. 24, arrested two persons indulged in cricket betting besides seizing Rs. 28,200 stake money, two mobile phones and a TV set.

A case has been registered at Alanahalli Police Station.

In the second case, CCB sleuths, who raided a house on St. Mary's Road 7th Cross in N.R. Mohalla on Mar. 25, arrested a person, who was involved in cricket betting and seized Rs. 2,300 stake money and two mobile phones.

A case has been registered at N.R. Police Station.

Shobha Karandlaje prays at Chamundi Hill and Nanjangud

Union Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje offering special puja at Chamundeshwari temple yesterday. Picture right shows Shobha seeking blessings of Sringeri Sharada Peetha Pontiff Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji.

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (BLU&DM)- Ahead of filing her nomination papers, Union Minister of State for Agriculture Shobha Karandlaje, who is the BJP candidate from Bengaluru North Lok Sabha (LS) Constituency which is going to the polls on Apr. 26, offered special puja at Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill on Monday. She placed her B Form and nomination papers at the feet of the Goddess and sought her blessings.

Later speaking to pressperson, Shobha said there was no doubt that the BJP would get a third straight term in the LS polls. Exuding confidence that she would win Bengaluru North seat, she said she will file her nomination papers at Bengaluru on Wednesday and has appealed former CM B.S. Yediyurappa to accompany her.

Strongly criticising former Minister and senior Congress leader Shyamanur Shivashankarappa's remarks against women and Davangere BJP candidate Gayathri Siddeshwara, Shobha said that this was the shameless attitude of the Congress party towards women.

She later visited Nanjangud where she offered special prayers at the famed Srikanteshwara Temple by placing her nomination papers at the feet of the deity. She later went to Sringeri Mutt in Mysuru and sought the blessings of Sringeri Sharada Peetha's 37th Pontiff Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Swamiji for her victory.

We have bigger challenge of preserving Ayodhya Sri Ram Mandir: Pejawar Seer

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (PM&BS)- Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji, who is also the Trustee of Ayodhya Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, has said: "While we are rejoicing over the construction of Sri Ram Mandir at Ayodhya, the challenge of protecting the temple is before us."

The Swamiji addressed a gathering of devotees during a programme organised in his honour, by Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samithi at Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram in the city on Monday. "We are immersed in joy over Sri Ram Mandir been built at Ayodhya, with the ceremony of consecrating the idol having been completed. However, in reality we should not just rejoice over this, as unlike earlier we are shouldered with immense responsibility. The construction of Ram Mandir was itself a bigger challenge, but now we have to handle the challenge of preserving the temple in its veritable form. It took 500 years for the temple to become a reality and we have to essentially put in continuous efforts to preserve the temple," said the Pejawar Swamiji.

"We have reverence and devotion towards Lord Sri Ram, the culture we have inherited from our ancestors. They have inculcated the culture of remembering the Lord in various forms like song, music, drama and poetry. However, we should pass on the way of remembering the Lord to the next generation too, which can be possible only through our efforts. However, the present situation creates a sense of fear," fretted the Pejawar Swamiji.

The Swamiji said, "We have been hearing in public about how some of them are expressing words to destroy the temple we have built. If we look at how we are prepared to face the situation, it seems we have'nt made any such efforts, but we are moving a step backward. While our ancestors have passed on a culture to us, we should retrospect what we have given to our children."

Beginning with the naming ceremony, the children should be taught about culture. We should have the understanding of the name chosen for christening and the meaning of the name. When we address them by their name or they themselves use them for inter-personal communication, they should be reminded of the God, religion, mahatma and sages. However, does the present situation behold such feelings? This is the question that we are grappled with, rued the Swamiji.

"We should resolve to pick a good name for our kids as our children are veering towards other religion, severing ties with our culture due to some influence and inducements. They prefer whatever names that come to their mind and it wouldn't be a surprise if the same kids turn into a threat to our temple. If such a development occurs, we should think how did we value the efforts of our ancestors. Even if you have already completed the naming ceremony of your kid, the time is still ripe to change the name through legal process," said Swamiji.

Sculptor Arun Yogiraj, who carved the idol of Balak Ram installed at Ayodhya Sri Ram Mandir and 14 young scholars, who took part in Sudha Mangala ritual at the abode of Sri Ram, were also felicitated on the occasion.

The Pejawar Swamiji also distributed the *phala mantrakshate* blessed by Ayodhya Sri Ram to the devotees. Earlier, Dasa Lahari programme was presented by young singers. Leaders Jayaram Bhat, K. Raghuram Vajpayee and Samithi's S. Ravikumar and others were present.

Special honour for the Swamiji

Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji, who took part in the 48-day Mandalotsava and Mangalotsava rituals since the consecration of the idol of Balak Ram at Ayodhya Sri Ram Mandir and arrived in Mysuru yesterday, was honoured at function in city last evening. The Seer seated on the swing was showered with respects and flower petals.

Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji honouring sculptor Arun Yogiraj, who carved the idol of Balak Ram installed at Ayodhya Sri Ram Mandir, at a programme held at Sarada Vilas College Centenary Hall in city on Monday.

'Let's build Rama Rajya by helping needy'

Seer inaugurates Rotary Midtown - Manasa Kuteera School for Special Children in Mysuru

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (PM&BS)- "We all joined hands for the construction of Sri Ram Mandir at Ayodhya. Similarly, we should come together to help the needy to build a Rama Rajya," said Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji.

The Swamiji addressed the gathering during the inauguration of Manasa Kuteera School for Special Children at Dwarakanagar (RT Nagar), by Rotary Midtown on Monday.

Seen are (from left) District Governor of Rotary District 3181 Rtn. H.R. Keshav, MLA. MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Rotary Mysore Midtown President Rtn. D. Srinivasan, Rtn. Venkatesh, Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji, Rotary Midtown - Manasa Kuteera Chairman Rtn. S. Raghavendra and Rtn. Mohan, during the inauguration of Rotary Midtown - Manasa Kuteera School for Special Children in city on Monday.

"If one reads Ramayana, they can understand the good qualities of Sri Rama. Following the consecration of Balak Ram idol at Ayodhya Ram Mandir, Rama Rajya has become a reality. We should worship Rama daily and to keep the Lord happy, we should help those in distress in the society. It is only then the complete Rama Rajya can be built," said the Pejawar Swamiji.

"The God has bestowed a body and intelligence, full of energy, which we consider as a big fortune. If we do our mite for those who are devoid of such fortune, it can be considered as a way of worshipping the God," said the Swamiji.

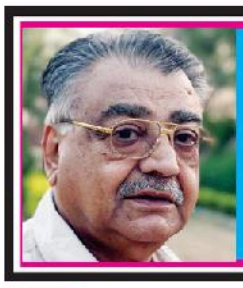
"Like a penance, Members of Rotary Midtown have completed the works of building a School for Special Children, which we consider as a bigger puja to the God. I wish good for all who joined hands for this noble task and also pray God for the good of the children who are admitted to this school. We have been running a similar institute at Udupi for the past several years. I am happy to take part in such an event here," added the Pejawar Swamiji.

District Governor of Rotary District 3181 Rtn. H.R. Keshav said: "Rotary Midtown has been effectively working towards helping the society. It is also one among the best performing Rotary Clubs. Every year, Rotary Midtown has been conducting a programme called 'Bandhavya' for special children, in keeping with its motto for the year — Create Hope In The World."

Earlier in his introductory address, Rtn. S. Raghavendra, Chairman of Rotary Midtown Manasa Kuteera, said: "The building has been constructed on 7,800 square feet space on one acre of land at the cost of Rs. 1.40 crore. About 150 special children can be accommodated here, with the school expected to start functioning in a few months."

Members of Rotary Mysore and others, who gave generous financial contribution towards the construction of Manasa Kuteera, were felicitated on the occasion.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurated the school building. Rotary Mysore Midtown President Rtn. D. Srinivasan, Rotary Mysore Midtown Foundation Chairman Rtn. Dr. K.A. Prahlad, leader A.R. Alagappa, industrialist R. Guru, entrepreneur Srikanth Das and Shivakumar of *Mahalakshmi Sweets* were present.



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By K.B. Ganapathy

Freedom from the bondage of Electoral Bonds Scheme: What next?

On Sunday, March 31, **Mysore Open Forum (MOF)** had arranged a talk on *'Electoral Bonds and Political Funding.'* It is understandable because the Supreme Court has on Feb. 15, 2024 struck down the Electoral Bonds Scheme (EBS) as 'unconstitutional', 'arbitrary and violative of Article 14.' And MOF members wanted to know why and how of this judgement which would impact on our democratic electoral results.

The euphoria seen among the opposition political parties of our country and, of course, the petitioners is also understandable.

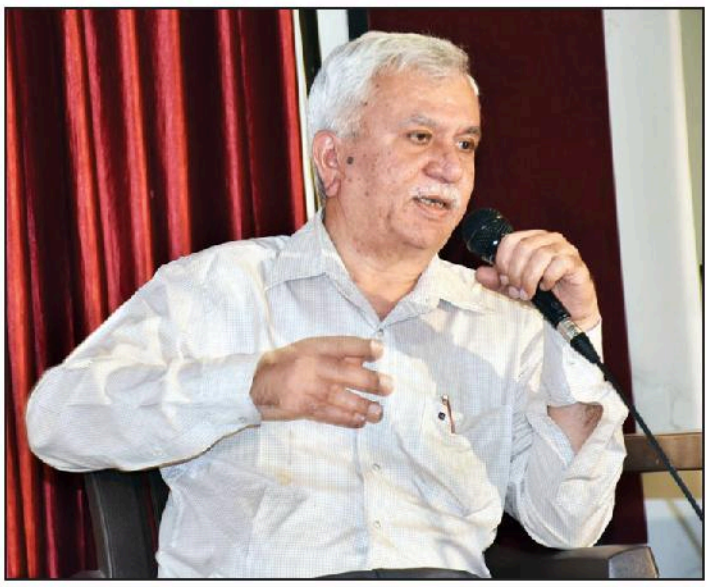
Writ petitions were filed in the Supreme Court in September, 2017 challenging the notification issued by the Ministry of Finance that introduced Electoral Bonds Scheme-2018.

The reason for their ecstasy and a sense of triumph was this judgement of the Supreme Court. It said the donations given under the Electoral Bonds Scheme violated certain rights of the VOTERS under Article 19 (1) (a).

The Supreme Court also ordered complete disclosure of transaction details from SBI, which has been done since. **However, while striking down the Electoral Bonds Scheme, the Supreme Court has not suggested an alternative transparent method or scheme for collecting electoral funds by political parties.** As such the question of a fool-proof transparent scheme for collecting electoral funds remains hanging in the air.

It is pertinent to understand that collection of electoral funds by political parties or politicians is a common practice in all democracies all over the world. After all, elections cannot be fought without money and money can be generated only through donations from individuals, industries and corporate organisations.

In fact, the idea of an Electoral Bonds Scheme was born while presenting the 2017-18 Union Budget by the then Finance Minister Arun Jaitley.



Prof. Trilochan Sastry, Chairman, Association For Democratic Reforms, delivering a talk at Mysore Open Forum. *[Pic. by M.A. Sriram]*

The compelling reason for the scheme was the rampant corruption and role of black money in collecting electoral funds by the political parties across the board. Therefore, the Electoral Bonds Scheme was introduced as a transparent method of funding political parties with white money by individuals, industries and corporates which would enable a free and fair election.

The then Finance Minister thought the scheme would cleanse the system of raising funds by political parties. But, unfortunately, good intentions do not always necessarily lead to good results. As the saying goes, 'Even the road to hell is paved with good intentions.' No wonder Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reaction was rather cryptic. He said 'People who are protesting against Electoral Bonds Scheme will soon regret it.' According to him, before BJP came to power in 2014 there was no trail of funds given to political parties during the elections. Thanks to Electoral Bonds, we can now trace the source of funding. He added a wise counselling, **'Nothing is perfect, but imperfections can be addressed.'** Herein lies one more opportunity for the government to make a course correction and reintroduce the Electoral Bonds Scheme in a new *avatar* which will be free from Constitutional or other legal infirmities as is found now by the Supreme Court.

Be that as it may, it is in this context the Convenor of MOF Prof. M. Umapathy decided to arrange a talk on *'Electoral Bonds and Political Funding'* by **Prof. Trilochan Sastry** of Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Bangalore, who is the Chairman of the NGO Association For Democratic Reforms (ADR), last Sunday.

Prof. Trilochan Sastry was one of the petitioners in the Writ Petition filed before the Supreme Court challenging the Electoral Bonds Scheme. Among others who filed the petition include Congress leader Jaya Thakur and the Communist Party of India (Marxist). He indeed delivered a highly informative and well-structured talk on the subject.

He first explained the reasons for filing the petition in Supreme Court. The first reason was that under the Scheme, the VOTER would not know who funded whom. This violates the fundamental right of a voter given by the Constitution of India. To know who donated how much money to whom is a voter's fundamental right. The Electoral Bonds Scheme violated this right.

The other reasons he mentioned related to challenging the amendments of RBI Act, the RP Act, IT Act and the Companies Act under the provisions of the Finance Act of 2017. Indeed, a Constitutional and legal acrobatics!

He said that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had its own objections to the Scheme. One objection was that the Scheme would impact the principles of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002.

The Election Commission of India (ECI) too had its own objection. It said it is a retrograde step as far as transparency of donation is concerned and this proviso needs to be withdrawn. It had issues regarding donations from government companies and foreign sources that are prohibited under the RP Act, 1951. "But the government in royal disdain ignored the advice of RBI and ECI," said Prof. Trilochan Sastry. In spite of these objections, the government went ahead and notified the Electoral Bonds Scheme.

Anyway, for the ADR it was a great victory and now it has a moral responsibility of presenting to the country, specially the voters for whose rights it claimed to have filed this petition, an alternative model to curb illegal, immoral, anonymous and secret donations to political parties and end the role of black money in our elections. It can thus justify its eponymous name Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR). Yes sir, bring in the Reformation.

After all, EBS is also a step towards democratic reforms. **Now, let the ADR present its scheme for raising electoral funds by the political parties in a way that is both transparent and guarantees Right to Privacy of the donor, which is also a Fundamental Right under the Constitution**. Let it not be the case of 'we have killed the tyrant, but tyranny continues!'

It might be difficult. Like trying to have your cake and eat it too. Making an observation Prof. Trilochan Sastry said, we must try to achieve transparency, cap donation and limit election spending by political parties. He also alluded to the problems of extortion and *quid pro quo* when political parties take donations.

The public funding of election was also briefly mentioned in the talk to provide a level playing ground in the election so that good candidates too can contest.

It is said by an American journalist that in India people indeed have votes but sadly they are not represented. I thought Prof. Umapathy of MOF expressed the same opinion about Indian democracy in his summing up of the talk. **He said, 'we seem to be playing a drama of democracy because it brings legitimacy.'** After all, governments are run by a few leaders only. There was an interesting, rather out-of-the-box suggestion during the interaction. The voter should pay Rs. 1,000 once in five years (the time of election) to his or her favourite party or the candidate etc., etc. On my part I suggested government funding the political parties, the grant corresponding to the number of candidates each party is fielding to contest the election.

Prof. Trilochan Sastry added his own idea by recalling Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, who said 'Give me your blood and I shall give you freedom!' Likewise, let the voter pay for the electoral fund and the ECI will give you good candidates.

Having said this, it seems to augur well that many are trying to script the destiny of our country for a brighter future though after 76 years of Independence.

STING IN THE TAIL: *A wag said all that India needs to cleanse the electoral system, including funding, is a tall Chief Election Commissioner like T.N. Seshan. At present those who are dealing with the infirmities and lapses in our electoral system are like Englishmen in London. Every one complains about the weather but nobody does anything about it.*

In the world of make-believe, Alfred Hitchcock's name is known for producing suspense films. Once when a journalist complained of headache, he instantly suggested a remedy, "Cut off the head." Did you get me Steve?

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Chinnara Mela: 300 applications sold out in 90 minutes

Parents and their children waiting in queue from yesterday midnight to obtain Chinnara Mela forms.

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (MTY&BS)- Applications for Chinnara Mela, the annual summer camp of Rangayana in Kalamandira premises on Hunsur Road in city, were distributed today morning.

A total of 300 applications were sold out in a short span of 90 minutes, with the parents waiting in queue from yesterday midnight.

The annual summer camp of the theatre repertory is popular among the kids who are introduced to various art forms including the nuances of theatre during the close to one-month long camp that will begin on Apr. 12.

As per the tentative schedule, the camp will be held till May 7.

To avoid any discrepancies, the parents themselves had made a list of those waiting in queue, along with marking their names against serial number, Aadhaar number and the name of their respective wards, before allowing them in a batch of 10 each to the counter in the premises of Bhoomigeetha auditorium, where the applications were handed over.

The application fee is Rs. 100 and camp fee is Rs. 3,000 per head. Applications were distributed from 10 am and the process of distribution was completed in one-and-a-half hours.

As many as 40 Resource Persons will be conducting the camp, that includes senior artistes of the repertory who will be assisted by the students of Ranga Shikshana course.

The camp attendees will be split into 10 groups according to their age group.

Umesh from Hassan will be handling the class related to art, while the others will be handling activities related to drama, acting and other skills.

Some parents disappointed

Some of the parents who were disappointed over not getting the applications returned voluntarily, while some others made last minute efforts till they were convinced by Deputy Director of Rangayana Nirmala Matapathi about the inability to accommodate more than the prescribed numbers due to paucity of space and time.

LS poll campaign

Mysore Diocese Apostolic Administrator Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras seen offering a piece of cake to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during the latter's visit to the Bishop's House 'Sanmargi' in Bannimantap yesterday as District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, priests and others look on.

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Beginning his day bright and early, BJP candidate Yaduveer embarked on a visit to Kukkarahalli Lake to engage with numerous morning walkers. By 11.45 am, he arrived at Hinkal Maramma Temple, offering prayers for his endeavours' success.

Subsequently, he made his way to the office of N. Rangarao and Sons on M.G. Road, appealing for the company authorities' support. Continuing his campaign trail, Yaduveer then proceeded to Devaraja Market, a legacy built by his ancestors, the Wadiyars of Mysuru.

The sweltering weather poses a formidable challenge, but it does little to dampen the enthusiasm of both campaigners and voters.

Dr. Yathindra gets notice over 'goonda' remark

Chamarajanagar, Apr. 2 (BLU&DM)- A few days after allegedly making derogatory remarks against Union Home Minister Amit Shah during a Congress gathering in the district, former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, son of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, has been served a notice by Chamarajanagar Deputy Commissioner Shilpa Nag, who also serves as the District Electoral Officer, regarding his statement.

Shilpa Nag stated, "The notice has been issued in response to complaints filed by the Flying Squad, Local Election Officer and the Nodal Officer responsible for enforcing the Model Code of Conduct."

During a Congress workers meeting convened at Hanur in Chamarajanagar district, Dr. Yathindra reportedly targeted Amit Shah, labelling him as a 'goonda' and 'rowdy,' and also alleged that he faced murder charges.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah acknowledged that his son Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah has been served a notice by the Election Commission regarding his 'goonda' remark. Siddaramaiah stated that his son has responded appropriately to the notice and he prefers not to provide further commentary on the issue.

Addressing reporters at his residence in Ramakrishnanagar this morning, Siddaramaiah, who is currently engaged in a three-day campaign for the LS polls in the district, mentioned that his son is aware of the contents of the notice and has provided a suitable response.

MCC Commr., staff ride Ambaari to create voting awareness

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (RK&BS)- Ahead of Lok Sabha elections for Mysuru-Kodagu zParliamentary Constituency on Apr. 26, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is undertaking various activities under Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) to increase the percentage of voting.

Recently, MCC staff, led by their Commissioner Dr. N.N. Madhu, dressed in ethnic outfit and holding placards with slogans to create awareness about the importance of voting, boarded Ambaari open roof top bus of Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC) and went around the city.

They stopped at prominent circles and junctions and showed the index fingers in unison, marking the significance of voting.

Similarly, awareness was created among the customers at a coffee joint near Law Court's Complex on Monday. The shop is located close to Booth No. 170 which witnesses low voter turnout. Hence, the shop which usually brims with customers, was zeroed in on to create voting awareness, it is said.

Amit Shah has no moral right to campaign in Karnataka: CM

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (BLU&DM) Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has questioned the moral authority of Union Home Minister Amit Shah to campaign in Karnataka amidst the Centre's failure to release drought relief funds.

Addressing reporters at his residence in Ramakrishnanagar this morning, he criticised former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) for welcoming Shah to the State without first ensuring relief funds.

He asserted that Kannadigas would voice their discontent through LS polls, accusing HDK of acting like a BJP spokesperson. Siddaramaiah predicted losses for the JD(S) in all three seats it is contesting, attributing the Congress candidate's defeat in the Mysuru-Kodagu seat during the 2019 LS polls to the JD(S), a former coalition partner.

Reflecting on his emotional campaign in his home Constituency of Varuna, where he sought a significant victory margin, Siddaramaiah clarified that his remark was not emotional but a natural expression of his aspirations for his Constituency.

He stressed his commitment to campaigning for Congress candidates across all 28 LS seats in the State, urging voters to oust the BJP to safeguard pro-poor programmes.

Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha to host Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2024

Mysuru, Apr.2 - Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust, Srirampet, Mysuru, has organised the following cultural programmes as part of the **134th Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2024** of Sri Krodhinama Samvatsara **from Apr. 17 at Smt. Alammana Choultry, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm daily:**

Apr. 17: Shastriya Sangeetha by Vid. Kunna Kudi M. Balamuralikrishna, accompanied by Vidu. Akkarai Subhalakshmi on violin, Vid. Delhi Sai Ram on mridanga, Vid. Guru Prasanna on kanjira.

Apr. 18: Shastriya Sangeetha by Akkarai Sisters — Vidu. Subhalakshmi and Vidu. Sornalatha — accompanied by Vid. Gokul on violin, Vid. Delhi Sai Ram on mridanga and Vid. Krishna on ghata.

Apr. 19: Shastriya Sangeetha by Vid. Sandeep Narayan, Vid. H.K. Venkat Ram on violin, Vid. Sai Giridhar on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata.

Apr. 20: Violin Concert by Vidu. Kanya Kumari with Vid. Sai Giridhar on mridanga and Vid. Vyasa Vittala on kanjira.

Apr. 21: Shastriya Sangeetha by Vidu. Indu Nagaraj & Vidu. Lakshmi Nagaraj; Vid. Janardhan Srinath on violin, Vid. Adamya on mridanga and Vid. Shamit Gowda on ghata.

Apr. 22: Shastriya Sangeetha by Vid. Saketha Raman, accompanied by Vid. Nishanth Chandar on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata.

Apr. 23: Flute Recital by Vid. J.B. Shruthi Sagar with Vid. Karthik Nagaraj on violin, Vid. Ananth R. Krishna on mridanga and Vid. Guruprasanna on ghata.

Apr. 24: Shastriya Sangeetha by Vid. Ramakrishnan Murthy, accompanied by Vidu. Charumathi Raghuraman on violin, Vid. Anantha R. Krishna on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata.

Apr. 25: Shastriya Sangeetha

by Trichur Brothers — Vid. Krishna Mohan and Vid. Ramkumar Mohan — accompanied by Vid. Trichur R. Mohan on mridanga and Vid. Kovai Suresh on ghata.

Apr. 26: Shastriya Sangeetha & Devaranama by Vid. Dr. Vidyabhushan and Group.

Apr. 28: Devaranama by Impana and Group.

Other programmes include:

• Ramabhajane & Devaranama from **Apr. 17 to 23** by various Bhajana Mandalis between **5 pm and 6 pm** at Rama Mandira.

• Discourse on 'Sundarakanda' by Kru. Ramachandra, retd. Engineer, on **Apr. 24 and 25 between 5 pm and 6 pm** at Rama Mandira.

• Seetha Kalyana on **Apr. 21 at 10 am** at Rama Mandira (Main sponsors: Rajalakshmi & S. Raju and family, Mysuru).

• Samuhika Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana on **Apr. 26 at 5.30 pm** at Smt. Alammana Choultry, Srirampet, Mysuru. Discourse on Vishnu Sahasranama by Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao.

• Sri Rama Pattabhisheka on **Apr. 27 at 9.30 am.** Abhisheka & Archana at Rama Mandira; Gamaka Vachana by Vasantha Venkatesh & Vyakyana by Kru. Ramachandra. Mahamangalarathi at 12.30 pm; Prasada Viniyoga at 1 pm (For Sponsors/ Donors at Udupi Sri Krishna Mandira, N.S. Road, Mysuru and for General Public at Rama Mandira premises).

• **Hanumanthothsava on Apr. 29: 6.30 pm -** Procession in Raja beedhi, Nadaswara Vidwan Parthasarathy & Team; **8 pm -** Mahamangalarathi & Prasada Viniyoga.

• **Shayanothsava on Apr. 30: 6.30 pm -** Cultural Programme by Vidu. Deepa Raghunandan, accompanied by Divyashree on violin, Dr. Prahalad Rao on mridanga and Raghunandan on ghata. [Sponsors: Late B.J. Subramanya & Sons and Padma Ananth and well-wishers]

• **Olagudi Utsava on May 1: 6.30 pm:** Harikatha by Vidushi Lalitha Uliyaru.

• **Sri Shankara Jayanti on May 12:** Abhisheka and Archane to Sri Shankara Bhagavath Padaru, Mahamangalarathi and Prasada Viniyoga in association with Sri Chidambareshwaraswamy Temple, stated a press release from Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Trust President Dr. N. Sriram [Mob: 98451-50558].

Proving his skill in kalpana swara patterns and alapana

Aneesh Bhat presenting a concert at Bidaram Krishnappa Mandira in Mysuru on Mar. 16. He is accompanied by Prithvi Bhaskar on violin, Vikram Bharadwaj on mridanga and S. Manjunath on ghata.

Aneesh Bhat from Puttur sang for Raaga Music Academy on Mar. 16 at Bidaram Krishnappa Mandira, Narayana Shastri Road, Mysuru. He was accompanied on violin by **Prithvi Bhaskar**, on mridanga by **Vikram Bharadwaj** and on ghata by **S. Manjunath.**

Currently pursuing Ph.D in Civil Engineering, Aneesh is simultaneously working as an Assistant Professor in Mangaluru.

Aneesh is a traditional vocalist with immense potential. His voice has good range and he is able to traverse without restraint in his sancharas. He had chosen a good list of compositions for the present concert — while he had chosen most of the compositions on Rama, the main item in Mohana was 'Kapali Karunai nilavu' by Papanashanam Shivan on Lord Shiva, which was also relevant as Shivaratri fell in the same month.

'Marivere Dikkevarayya Rama' by Patnam Subramanya Iyer in Shanmukhapriya was spiced up with neraval and good swaras at 'Sannutanga Sri Venkatesha Neevu'. The other attraction of the concert was 'Subramanyena Rakshitoham' by Dikshitar in shuddha Dhanyasi rendered expertly by Aneesh with a well-expanded alapana and a variety of more than 20 sarvalaghu swaras with a single avarta. Dharmavathi that followed was a good contrast with a captivating alapana followed by 'Bhajana Seya rada O manasa' set to Rupaka Tala. 'Abhaya Varade Sharade' in Hindola (Indira Nateshan) was a good filler before Mohana. The brilliant and rich Alapana of Mohana clearly indicated the composition that the vocalist chose to render for the evening, the art of which is possible for a few musicians only.

Prithvi's version of raga was equally impressive. Laya throughout the composition 'Kapali' was maintained excellently. Aneesh's training in mridanga has helped him here. The kalpana swara essay with a lot of poruttam swaras was a testimony of the vocalist's years of sadhana.

Taniyavartanam by Vikram and Manjunath from Mysuru enthralled the audience.

The other inclusions of the concert were 'Vallabha Nayakasya' by Dikshitar in Begade in the beginning and 'Sri Ramachandra krpalu bhajamana' a Tulasidas bhajan in the end.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Champaka Kalaa Ratna-2024
Awards presentation on Apr. 6

Dr. Nagaraja Rao *Dr. Anantharamu* *Dr. Bengeri* *Vidu. Vasanthalakshmi*

Mysuru, Apr. 2 - Champaka Educational and Cultural Trust, a city-based organisation working to promote Indian arts and culture for nearly 20 years, has announced Champaka Kalaa Ratna Awards for 2024.

The awards presentation ceremony will be held on Apr. 6 at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road at 5 pm.

These awards are given by the Trust to honour exemplary achievers in the field of Indian arts and culture over a sustained period of time.

For the year 2024, the awards will be conferred on Vidwan Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao (reputed scholar of Sanskrit, retd. from Oriental Research Institute), Dr. K. Anantharamu (renowned Kannada scholar, retd. from University of Mysore), Dr. Manik A.V. Bengeri (renowned Sanskrit, Marathi and Hindi scholar) and Guru Vidushi B.K. Vasanthalakshmi (renowned Bharatanatyam Guru, retd. from Bangalore University).

Previous awardees include Vidushi Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Vidushi H.R. Leelavathi and Vidushi Dr. Gowri Kuppuswamy for the year 2022; Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat, Addanda Cariappa, Guru Vidushi Nandini Eswar and Yogacharya Sudhesh Chand for the year 2023.

Industrialist R. Guru of NR Group will be the chief guest and honour the awardees.

The awards presentation will be followed by the Phalguna edition of the monthly series "Champaka Rashtreeya Kalaa Utsava." As part of this, a thematic dance titled "Shrimad Shankara Digvijayah - Divyaadbhuta Baalyam" will be performed by Vidushi Dr. Nagalakshmi Nagarajan, Founder of Champaka Academy.

This presentation is based on excerpts of the divine childhood of Shrimad Adi Shankara from a poem composed by Sri Maadhava Vidyaranyaswami.

Music composition and vocal support will be provided by Vidushi Chethana Nagaraj; Vidwan Rakesh Sudhir on flute and Vidwan Sai Vamshi on mridanga.

Disciples of Guru Vidushi B. K. Vasanthalakshmi from Bengaluru will present "Madhuraagamanam," a short dance drama, to conclude the event.

New MUDA Chairman Marigowda hospitalised; CM enquires health

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah enquiring the health condition of K. Marigowda at the hospital in city yesterday as his wife Jayashree Marigowda, Dr. H.V. Shushrutha, MLA Tanveer Sait, former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Ministers K. Venkatesh and Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (KS&BS)- Following a mild stroke, Congress leader K. Marigowda, who was newly appointed as the Chairman of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), was admitted to a hospital in the city on Monday.

Dr. H.V. Shushrutha, a Neurologist at Neuro Zone in the premises of Gopala Gowda Shanthaveri Memorial Hospital at Nazarbad in city, where Marigowda is undergoing treatment, told *Star of Mysore* this morning that "Marigowda came to the hospital at around 12.30 pm yesterday. Following MRI scanning, mild stroke was diagnosed in the report and he was admitted for treatment in Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at around 2.30 pm."

He said, "Marigowda will be shifted from ICU to ward today and will be kept for observation for a day till tomorrow, before discharging him day after tomorrow. However, his condition is stable."

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who arrived in the city yesterday on a 3-day campaign tour ahead of the Lok Sabha elections, visited the hospital and enquired the health of Marigowda, who is also his close aide.

Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Chamarajanagar District Minister K. Venkatesh, KPCC Working President & MLA Tanveer Sait, former MLA Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and others accompanied the CM to the hospital.

Yaduveer joins morning walkers at Kukkarahalli Lake

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (BCT)- From visiting temples in mohallas to gathering in parks early morning to engage with dozens of morning walkers in one go, or conducting rallies and meeting party workers over roadside tea and lunch in secluded spots, candidates vying for votes in this Lok Sabha election are leaving no stone unturned to capture the attention of voters across the spectrum.

This morning, it was the turn of Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, the BJP candidate for the Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha Constituency, to connect with voters at Kukkarahalli Lake. Every morning, between 1,000 to 1,500 people take a stroll along the 4-km banks of this picturesque lake, making it an ideal location for voter engagement.

Sporting walking track attire, Yaduveer attracted the attention of many walkers, who paused to interact with him.

Engaging with voters of all ages, including young and elderly individuals, women and groups of health-conscious youth, Yaduveer exchanged ideas and briefly discussed Mysuru's needs, particularly emphasising the importance of preserving water bodies, lakes and ponds.

Yaduveer was accompanied by former MLA and current BJP City President L. Nagendra. Many of the walkers, encountering Yaduveer for the first time, eagerly gathered around to capture photos and selfies with him, to which he readily obliged.

As public spaces in the city have also transformed into campaign platforms for candidates to promote themselves, the ultimate decision rests with the voters on their chosen candidate, and they will exercise their voting rights on April 26.

Police Flag Day celebrated in city

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (RK&BCT)- Discipline and behaviour play crucial roles within the Police Department, serving as fundamental pillars that uphold the integrity and professionalism of law enforcement officers, opined retired Commandant of City Armed Reserve Shivaraju.

He was speaking as the chief guest at the Police Flag Day celebration, organised jointly by Mysuru City Police, Mounted Police, Karnataka Police Academy, Mysuru District Police, Karnataka State Reserve Police (KSRP) 5th Battalion, Police Training School, State Intelligence, Directorate of Civil right Enforcement (DCRE), Lokayukta, Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) and Internal Security Division (ISD) at City Armed Reserve (CAR) Parade Grounds at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

"The manner in which Police officers conduct themselves in society not only reflects upon the individual but also significantly impacts public trust and confidence in law enforcement as a whole. Be honest and the society will respect you and your actions," he said. The Flag Day was celebrated with a ceremonial march-past and other activities.

In 1963, Mysuru was considered as a large State, Acts were modified and a Committee was formed to bring in uniform Acts. Based on the recommendations of the Committee, on Apr. 2, 1965, uniform Acts were brought and in this backdrop, the day is celebrated as Police Flag Day.

City Police Commissioner B. Ramesh affixed a Police Flag Day sticker to the coat of the guests, who also donated money and over 17 retired Police personnel from the junior constabulary to the senior level were felicitated on the occasion.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Seema Latkar, DCP (Law and Order) M. Muthuraj, City Armed Reserve (CAR) SP B.T. Kavitha and other Police officials were present.

Jeweller's home-cum-shop burgled

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Travel to Tumakuru

According to the complaint, Nagaraju, accompanied by his family, left Mysuru on Mar. 22 afternoon in their car to attend the Dandina Maramma Jatra in Madhugiri in Tumakuru. However, realising he had forgotten his mother's medical documents, Nagaraju returned to Mysuru by bus on Mar. 26 night, retrieved the documents, locked the door and proceeded back to Madhugiri in another car.

On Mar. 27, when Nagaraju attempted to view the CCTV cameras installed in his house and shop via a mobile app, he encountered technical difficulties. He assumed it was due to network issues and did not pursue the matter further.

On Mar. 30, Nagaraju's wife contacted their maid Rathnamma over the phone and instructed her to water the plants in front of the house. Upon reaching the house, Rathnamma noticed the front door ajar and alerted Nagaraju's wife, who promptly informed Nagaraju.

In response, Nagaraju contacted his friend, Rakshit, and told him about Rathnamma's observation, and requested him to visit the house. Upon Rakshit's arrival, he confirmed that the front door was indeed open and promptly informed Nagaraju.

Nagaraju, who rushed back from Madhugiri, discovered upon arrival that the front door of his house had been forcibly opened, with household articles scattered inside. He reported that cash, gold ornaments and silver articles intended for sale had been stolen.

Deputy Superintendent of Police Abdul Kareem Rautar stated that Police officials, along with a dog squad and fingerprint experts, inspected the house. A case has been registered at Mysuru South Police Station and Inspector Muddu Mahadev is overseeing the investigation.

WORD OF THE DAY

Haphazard

Pronunciation: hap-HAZZ-erd (Adjective)
Meaning: Something haphazard has no apparent plan, order, or direction.
Origin: The hap in haphazard comes from an English word that means "happening," as well as "chance or fortune." Hap, in turn, comes from the Old Norse word happ, meaning "good luck." Perhaps it's no accident that hazard also has its own connotations of chance and luck: while it now refers commonly to something that presents danger, at one time it referred to a dice game similar to craps. (The name ultimately comes from the Arabic word al-zahr, meaning "the die.") Haphazard first entered English as a noun meaning "chance" in the 16th century, and soon afterward was being used as an adjective to describe things with no apparent logic or order.
Example: "It felt like winter for the first time that year, and Theo remembered how much she preferred the dark, the secrecy, of the season. They walked single-file up against the haphazard stone wall, wary of cars that sped up the country lane. ... An owl hooted somewhere close by and they stopped to listen, sitting on a section of broken wall." — Juno Dawson, The Shadow Cabinet, 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Cabotage

Coastal navigation; the exclusive right of a country to control the air traffic within its borders.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A good man is hard to find

Meaning: The phrase "A good man is hard to find" is used to discuss the difficulty some seem to have in attracting a suitable male partner or spouse.
Origin: The origin of the phrase 'A good man is hard to find' can be traced to a 1918 song by Eddie Green. The lyrics include the following: "A good man is hard to find, you always get the other kind. Just when you think that he is your pal, you look for him and find him fooling 'round some other gal."
Example: Sarah: "Aren't you married yet?" Jane: "No. I've been dating but I haven't met 'the one' yet. A good man is hard to find!"

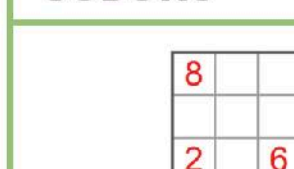
QUOTE BOX

It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.

— Confucius

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Sea horse.

SUDOKU

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9								
	7		3					2

Answer to previous puzzle

1	2	5	8	7	6	3	4	9
6	4	3	2	9	5	7	1	8
9	8	7	4	1	3	5	6	2
5	6	9	1	8	2	4	3	7
3	7	2	5	6	4	9	8	1
4	1	8	7	3	9	6	2	5
7	5	4	3	2	8	1	9	6
2	3	6	9	5	1	8	7	4
8	9	1	6	4	7	2	5	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Swiss capital
5 Plastic type
8 Egyptian deity
12 On the briny
13 Battery size
14 Impulse
15 Lawsuit
16 Latitude, abbr.
17 A winged being from Persian mythology
18 Tint
19 Vanish
21 Deli bread
23 Coral island
24 Famous English city
28 In short, suffix of all Indian PLC's?
31 Flat and level
32 Cane spirit
33 Continental exchange
34 ___ Heath : ex-British Prime Minister?
35 Taboo
37 A good speaker is said to have the gift of it
38 Last in a long line
39 Old British rifle
44 Suffix with social or tour
47 A prefix meaning "by itself"
48 Period of time
49 Hard drive technology in short
50 The same, in Latin
51 Ministry of Civil Aviation
52 Door handle
53 All roads lead to it, we're proverbially told?
54 "S" in SF the city
55 Talks noisily or foolishly

DOWN
1 Johann Sebastian ____ : famous German music composer?
2 Jacob's twin brother
3 Shy or reticent
4 Not
5 Ancient Indian language
6 Former Sri Lankan paceman Chaminda ____
7 Underground cemetery
8 Baby basset hound
9 Tall plant
10 The site of Taj Mahal
11 The one who succeeds to property
19 German article
20 Buddy
22 Wistful thinking
24 Allow or permit
25 I have - "vie" anagram
26 Troubles
27 Mine and thine
28 City in Punjab
29 Three in Italy
30 Title role for Amitabh Bachchan
33 Eastern Daylight Time, abbr.
35 Corpulent
36 Marking fluid
37 Dwarf or goblin
39 Pleasant to behold
40 Board-game - "loud" anagram
41 Bit of news
42 A killer whale
43 "The Godfather" co-star
45 Desist
46 Finger grips
49 Proverbially it's the limit

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

		B	R	A	C		Z	E	B	R	A	
B	E	S	E	E	C	H		O	B	E	Y	S
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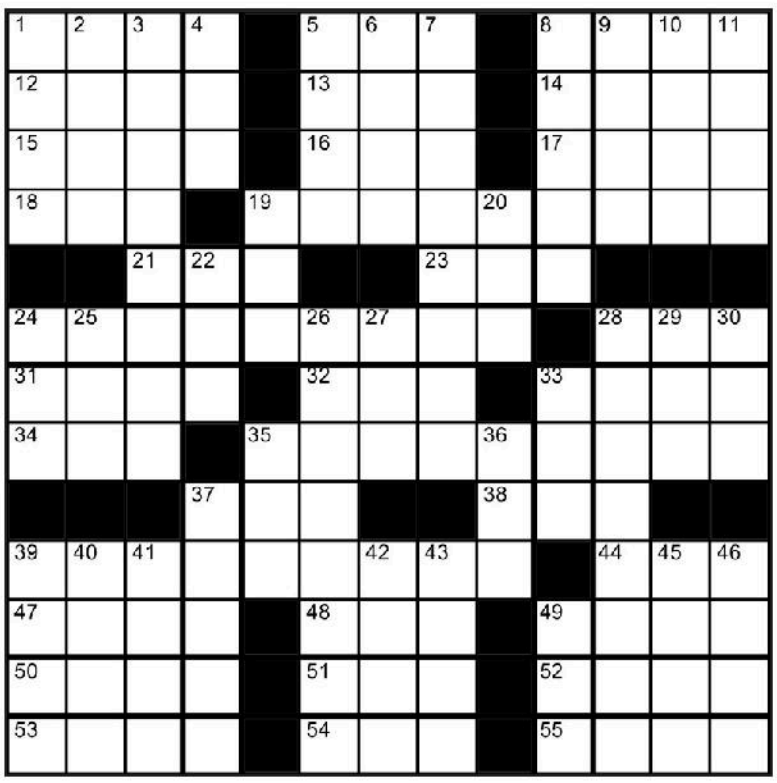

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VXLO IZIQ'V BKQV ZV PGGI, VXLO

BKQVLI ZV BLIQLFIKO.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The sword the body wounds, sharp words the mind.

MP Sumalatha to hold meeting with supporters tomorrow

Mandya, Apr. 2- Mandya independent MP Sumalatha Ambarish, who was a BJP ticket aspirant from Mandya seat in LS polls, has called a meeting of her supporters at Kalikamba Samudaya Bhavan in Mandya at 10.30 am tomorrow (Apr. 3) to take a decisive decision on her future course, with the last date for filing of nomination papers being Apr. 4, according to Akhila Karnataka Ambarish Abhimanigala Sangha President Belur Somashekar.

Sumalatha

During the meeting, she is likely to discuss the decision of BJP High Command to leave Mandya seat to its alliance partner, JD(S), and whether to pay heed to the BJP top brass advise on supporting the candidature of H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) in the better interests of the NDA.

Only on Sunday, former Chief Minister HDK, who is contesting the Mandya LS seat as the NDA candidate, had met Sumalatha at her Bengaluru residence and sought her support. Following this meeting, Sumalatha is said to have toned down her plans of contesting Mandya seat as an independent candidate and is likely to extend support to HDK.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that HDK will file his nomination papers at Mandya on Apr. 4.

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  Yuva (K) - 4 Shows
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- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Mr. and Mrs. Manmatha (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
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- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Magadheera (Te) - 4 Shows

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	(S-2)	9.50 am
	(S-4)	9.50 am, 1.10 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm, 7.05 pm
	(S-3)	10.25 am, 10.10 pm
Aadujeevitham (Ma)	(S-1)	9.30 pm; (S-3) 6.50 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-2)	12.50 pm, 2.50 pm
Crew (H)	(S-2)	4.50 pm, 7.20 pm
Tillu Square (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm; (S-4) 4.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-3)	12.45 pm
Swatantrya Veer Savarkar (H)	(S-3)	3.30 pm

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Tillu Square (Te)	:	4.15 pm, 6.50 pm

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Tillu Square (Te)	:	9.45 am, 12.45 pm, 3.45 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Crew -2024 (H)	:	11 am, 1.45 pm, 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 10 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (K)	:	12.25 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (Ma)	:	6.40 pm
Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	:	2.50 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	10.15 pm

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Tillu Square (Te)	:	10.15 am, 1.15 pm, 7 pm
Yuva (K)	:	10.30 am, 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm, 5.45 pm, 6.45 pm, 10 pm
Crew 2024 (H)	:	10.45 am, 4.15 pm, 9 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	1.30 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (K)	:	2.10 pm
Aadujeevitham: The Goat Life (Ma)	:	10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 2)

- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore:** Workshop on 'Research Methodology in Social Sciences,' Seminar Sessions by eminent scholars, Research Centre premises, Manasagangothri, **up to 5.15 pm.**
- **Sri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Mahasamsthana, Sri Sharada Peetha, Sringeri and Abhinava Shankaralaya, Mysuru:** Centenary celebrations of Abhinava Shankaralaya, cultural programmes, Nagaswara concert by Vid. Krishnamurthy and troupe, **7 pm;** Chandramoulishwara Puja by Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Sannidhanam Swamiji, Abhinava Shankaralaya, Shankar Mutt Road, **8.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 3)

- **Sri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Mahasamsthana, Sri Sharada Peetha, Sringeri and Abhinava Shankaralaya, Mysuru:** Centenary celebrations of Abhinava Shankaralaya, Veda Sabha commences, **8.30 am;** Kumbhabhisheka at Shri Prasanna Vishveshwara Temple on Gita Road, **9 am;** Sringeri Jagadguru Sri Vidhushekara Bharati Sannidhanam gives darshan to devotees, Pada Puja, Bhiksha Vandana, **10.30 am;** Swamiji visits to temples and Dharmic institutions, **4.30 pm;** Valedictory function of Shaastra Sabha & Veda Sabha, **5.30 pm;** Cultural programmes, vocal concert by Mysore N. Srinath accompanied by Amogh on violin, P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and V.S. Ramesh on ghata, **7 pm;** Chandramoulishwara Puja by Sri Vidhushekhara Bharati Sannidhanam Swamiji, Abhinava Shankaralaya, Fort Mohalla, Shankar Mutt Road, **7 pm; 8.30 pm.**
- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore:** Workshop on 'Research Methodology in Social Sciences', Seminar Sessions by eminent scholars, Research Centre premises, Manasagangothri, **10 am to 5.15 pm.**
- **Co-curricular Committee, Maharaja's College, University of Mysore:** Dr. Rajkumar Memorial Inter-Collegiate Gita Gayana Competition, Maharaja's College former Principal Prof. C.A. Sridhar inaugurates, Bengaluru's senior writer K.T. Chikkanna chief guest, Principal Prof. H. Somashekarappa presides, Administrative Officer Prof. V. Shanmugham and Convenor Prof. C.E. Lokesh will be present, Centenary Hall, Maharaja's College, **10.30 am.**
- **Karma Yoga:** Discourse on 'Karma Yoga' by Swami Mahamedhanandaji of Ramakrishna Mission, Mysuru, Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) Park, Central Workshop, South Western Railways, Ashokapuram, **5 pm.**

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Tillu Square (Te)	(S-1)	9.05 am
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Tillu Square (Te)	:	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12.40 pm
Blink (K)	:	1.30 pm
Aadujeevitham - The Goat Life (Ma)	:	3.25 pm
Tharini (K)	:	4.20 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	7.15 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

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